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SUBJ: IPP-78: INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES

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1. OUR FIGURES FOR CONGEN'S LAST WEEKLY REPORT (HONG KONG 2914 FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 3) INDICATED THERE WERE 355 INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG. VAST MAJORITY OF THESE ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES PROCESSING FOR U.S. UNDER IPP OR CE PROGRAMS.

2. UNHCR REP CARPENTER ARRIVED HONG KONG MAR 8 AND INFORMED US THAT HE HAS FIRM OFFERS FOR 41 REFUGEES FOR SWITZERLAND AND 17 REFUGEES FOR NORWAY. HE IS IN PROCESS INFORMING THESE REFUGEES OF THEIR ACCEPTANCES BY BOTH COUNTRIES. THESE RESETTLEMENT OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY REFUGEE CONCERNED. CARPENTER ALSO PLANS VISIT OTHER CONSULATES/COMMISSIONS TO PUSH THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT EFFORT.

3. IF BRITISH DECIDE DURING NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS OFFER RESETTLEMENT IN UK TO BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG, MOST PROBABLY WILL BE SUFFICIENT REFUGEES ON HAND TO FILL QUOTA OF 200. TWO DAYS AGO 46 REFUGEES WERE LANDED IN HONG KONG AND BRITISH FLAG SHIP TAI CHING SHAN REPORTEDLY  
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DUE IN HONG KONG MAR 11 WITH 4 REFUGEES ON BOARD.

4. HOWEVER, SINCE BRITISH APPARENTLY HAVE NOT REACHED ANY DECISION ON POSSIBLE RESETTLEMENT IN UK, CONGEN WILL CONTINUE PROCESS FOR U.S. THOSE REFUGEES INITIALLY APPROVED BY INS UNDER IPP AND CE AND WHO HAVE NO THIRD COUNTRY OFFERS. DEPT MAY WISH

COMMENT ON THIS. IF EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT  
BRITISH WILL MAKE RESETTLEMENT OFFER, CONGEN WOULD  
APPRECIATE BEING NOTIFIED SOON AS POSSBLE.  
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